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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

The telecomms lobby USTelecom has told you that "In the residential marketplace, competition will not be materially affected ... because there is effectively no remaining UNE-base competition in that marketplace."

I speak as one of the many customers of that class of service, through sonic.net in Santa Rosa. Of course, we don't exist, according to the lobby, but is there any reason to believe them? Their constituent companies have never (in the past 20 years or so) given me any reason to believe what they say.

I subscribe to that service because there is no other residential Internet service in this area that is competent and responsive, and generally acts as if it wants its customers, as Sonic does. This seems to have something to do with operating in a competitive free market, rather than as a monopoly serving a captive audience. Or an oligopoly; after all, there is also Comcast, a company universally disliked and disrespected for some reason.

Looking forward to the day when broadband service in America will be as accessible and fast and reliable and economical as it has been for many years in South Korea -- but that won't happen by handing the industry over to the same monopolists who have been retarding it -- I remain

Yours truly,

Daniel Drake